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REMARKS

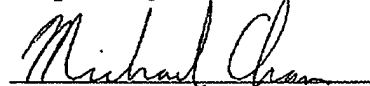
Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The Office states that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters as stated in the Office Action. Portions of the specification are amended by way of the present amendment to address the formal matters stated in the Office Action.

The Office Action states that claims 148-199 are allowed. In this regard, Applicant notes that claims 148-198 are pending. Accordingly, Applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 148-198.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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